



Advisory Announcement

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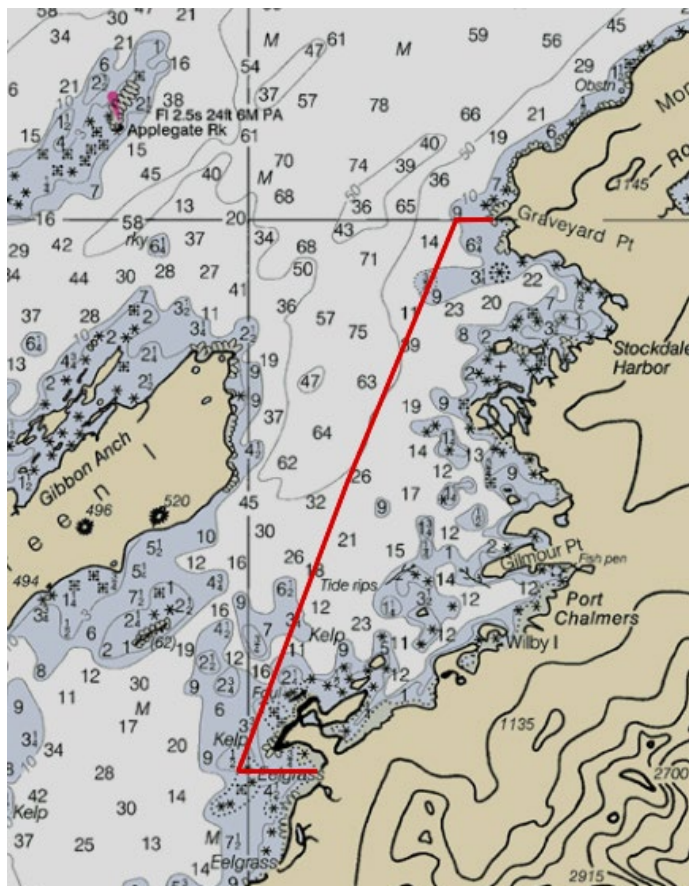
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Prince William Sound Salmon Fishery Announcement #12

SEINE FISHERIES: To reduce the harvest of salmon destined for other areas of PWS, time and area is being adjusted in the Port Chalmers Subdistrict and AFK THA and SHA. These adjustments supersede previously announced time and area for Saturday, June 18.

MONTAGUE DISTRICT: The Port Chalmers Subdistrict, **north of 60°12.56' N. lat. and east a line from 60° 12.56'N., 147° 20.25'W. to 60° 20.00'N., 147° 14.30'W.,** will open to purse seine fishing for **24 hours** starting at 8:00 am on Saturday, June 18. **Regulatory closed waters and anadromous stream closures within the Port Chalmers Subdistrict will not be in effect until further notice.** Preliminary harvest estimates from the 48-hour period that ended on Wednesday, June 15 was 42,500 chum salmon and 2,500 sockeye salmon with 29 deliveries reported.



SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT: The AFK Hatchery SHA will open to purse seine fishing for **24 hours** starting at 8:00 am on Saturday June 18. **Regulatory closed waters and anadromous stream closures within the AFK Hatchery SHA will not be in effect until further notice.** Preliminary harvest estimates from the 48-hour period that ended on Wednesday, June 15 were 8,800 chum salmon and 1,450 sockeye salmon with 16 deliveries reported.

Copies of the updated regulation booklet, *2022-2024 Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations for Prince William Sound*, are **not** yet available in the Cordova ADFG office. In the interim, please reference https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/regulations/fishregulations/pdfs/commercial/2022-2024_cf_pws_salmon_regs.pdf.

ALL buyers purchasing fish in the PWS Management Area are required to complete a Processor Registration Form. Contact the Cordova office for any questions regarding registration.

The next scheduled salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm on Saturday, June 18.

Permit holders are advised that unscheduled announcements based on current escapement data may occur at any time inseason either establishing an additional period or extending an open period.

Announcement recordings are available for **gillnet fisheries at 907-424-7535 and seine fisheries at 907-424-7345. In addition, announcement recordings are available in Anchorage at 267-2843.**

Additionally, announcements, inseason harvest data, and escapement data are available at the following web address:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareapws.main> (Prince William Sound and Copper River homepage).

Unless otherwise specified, all openings are clock openings based on Alaska Daylight Time, which is based on Coordinated Universal Time and may be obtained by calling 303-499-7111.

The department encourages commercial permit holders to renew their licenses early and to check their CFEC vessel registration stickers to make sure they are current.

The department also encourages permit holders to report observed violations to Wildlife Safeguard at 800-478-3377. Reports are anonymous and cash rewards may be paid for successful prosecution of violations.